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established a monopoly of the medium of exchange; or, to put it more forcibly, prohibited the people from establishing a medium of exchange and compelled them to use a makeshift that was devised for speculative purposes in which the people were to be the victims. The fact is that governments are not established to sustain right, as the Declaration affirms, but to prevent man from getting his rights. It is the great delusion that we are dependent on government to get our rights. We will never get them until we take them and public opinion sustains the act. Oh, that a man could be found that has the influence and means to force this issue, and thus emancipate the human race!

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### BROWNING AND WILLIAM JAMES

SIR,—Those of your readers who enjoyed as I did the article on "Browning, Schopenhauer and Music" by Professor William Lyon Phelps in the October issue of your magazine may be further interested to recall a similar likeness between Browning and another philosopher. William James' *The Will to Believe* and Browning's *Bishop Blougram's Apology* take almost exactly the same line of argument, and there is sometimes even a curious identity of expression running into the illustrative figures. Both writings assert that objective certitude in religious faith is impossible; that having moral opinions at all, or not having them, is a question of will or desire; that faith in a fact can help create the fact; that religion offers a certain vital good; that we lose this good as much by remaining skeptical as by positive disbelief; that we can get this good only by desire or will and precursive faith; and that, therefore, faith based on will or desire is not only lawful but essential.

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### WE MEANT IT AS PROSE

SIR,—Your verse,

"Too late, too late, too late,  
Take heed you men in authority,  
Inefficiency now is treason!"

might well be regarded as a classic. Have you thought of having this reproduced on a card and mailed to every member of Congress and all the bureau heads and department heads in Washington? I really think you ought to do it.

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